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Florida Legislature Announces "YourVoice" for Florida Businesses

Online tool will survey business stakeholders in effort to make Florida more business-friendly

Tallahassee, Fla. – As part of ongoing efforts to improve Florida's business climate, the Florida Legislature today announced the availability of "<u>YourVoice</u>" – an online tool that will survey business owners and stakeholders to collect feedback on any potential burdensome rules and regulations for businesses.

"At a time when one out of every ten Floridians is looking for work, the last thing our state needs is for government to come between a business and the creation of new jobs," said House Rulemaking & Regulations Subcommittee Chairman Chris Dorworth (R-Lake Mary). "This online tool will help lawmakers determine how we can best reduce the burden state government is placing on businesses and continue to help make Florida a destination for new business."

"The Florida Legislature wants to hear directly from Floridians about any potential rules and regulations that may impose unnecessary and burdensome regulation on our state's citizens so that we can work to remove barriers to economic growth during the upcoming session," said Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability Chairman Senator Jeremy Ring (D- Margate). "Our state's citizens are our best source to identify whether or not our state's rules and regulations impose unacceptable burdens and this tool gives lawmakers the ability to directly connect with Floridians across the state."

Those interested in completing the survey can <u>access it online</u>.

The Florida Legislature is the representative branch of Florida government and has the responsibility to supervise the power of agencies and local governments to adopt rules and regulations that may control private and commercial conduct. As part of the Legislature's effort to discover how rules and regulations may hinder productivity and job growth, "YourVoice" will seek to gather important information from current and potential Florida business owners and stakeholders that can be used to enhance or revise existing rules and regulations.

Starting today, users can access "<u>YourVoice</u>" online and complete a survey. The results of the survey will be collected by the House Rulemaking & Regulations Subcommittee and the Senate

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability and be considered as ideas for future legislation.

The information gathered will be used to inform members of the House Rulemaking & Regulations Subcommittee and the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability and may be used to adopt rules and regulations to protect the health, safety and welfare of Floridians.

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